Something written to the

# MAGISTRATES OF LONDON AND MIDDLESEX.

Who sit on the Seat of Justice, who are as examples to the rest of the Nation; or to whomsoever this may come, that they may see the fruits of their doings, and repent thereof.

With a sound of God's Judgements against *Babylon* and her Merchants.

Also, A manifestation of God's Love to his People, and an invitation to all people to turn unto the Lord who waits to be gracious; yea, whose loving-kindness is stretcht out to the ends of the Earth.

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By one who hath been a sufferer for the Truth's sake,

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# *Something written to the Magistrates of* London *and* Middlesex, *&c.*

OYe men of *London*, who sit as Heads, and are as Leaders to the rest of the Nation in your proceedings; and to ye the inhabitants of the Subburbs thereof, do I speak; yea, to you chief men in *Middlesex*, who sit in the seat of Justice: What, think ye the Lord hath forsaken the earth? Or is it in your hearts the Holy One of *Israel* sees you not?

Consider and lay it to heart, slight it not; for God will plead with you for these things: What, is Truth wholly become a prey amongst you, and Justice and true Judgement turned backward, that Equity cannot enter? And have you not only the Names of Justice, and the words thereof painted upon the Walls in your Courts, and your hearts hardened against God and his Truth where it is made manifest? And is not this Scripture fulfilled in your generation, That he that departs from iniquity becomes a prey? And are not the proud counted happy? And are not them that work wickedness set up.

O ye men in Authority, consider these things, and lay it to heart; for do not our eyes behold these things in your Courts of Judicatory? And, are not these things brought forth amongst you, the prophane, licentious persons, drunkards and swearers, whores and whoremongers are set at liberty, and the poor despised Members of Truth kept in bonds for the exercise of a pure Conscience towards God and Man; for know this, it is for this very thing we suffer outward bonds and imprisonments, with the spoiling of our goods, because we fear the Lord, and cannot run into the same excess with others, but keep our Consciences void of offence towards God and man.

So consider how cruel and hard-hearted you have been to-



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wards us; yea, like *Pharoah*'s Task-Masters have you oppressed the Seed of *Jacob*; but know this, the mighty God of *Jacob* in whom we trust, will as sure plead our Cause, as ever he did *Israel*'s of old, who hath, and wil give us strength and patience to wait upon him for deliverance in his own time. So think not that pride, cruelty and oppression, and them that delight therein, shall for ever reign, and Truth be for ever slain in the streets of spiritual Sodom and Egypt, where Christ also is crucified by the generation of *Cain*, *Ismael* and *Esau*, who were murderers, scoffers and persecutors of all the righteous Seed of God, from *Abel* to this very day. But know this, yea assuredly, Plagues, Plagues is preparing, Vials, Vials of the Wrath of Almighty God is to be poured forth without mixture upon the face of the Earth, and upon the inhabitants of the Earth, whereby they shall gnash their teeth for very pain, and blaspheme the God of Heaven (who hath power over these plagues) that repents not of their evil deeds, but curse their God and their King, which is *Abaddon* the Angel of the bottomless pit.

And so let none glory in their acts of cruelty, nor boast in their own strength, nor say as it was said in the *Revelations*, *Who is able to make war with the Beast?* For the little stone is cut out of the Mountain, which hath and will smite the great Image, yea, and God's Plough is entered into the fallow ground, yea and all the briers and brambles, tall Cedars and sturdy Oaks shall not hinder its passage through the Earth, but in the fulness of time they shall be as stubble fully dry and fit for the fire, and the wrath of the Lord God Almighty shall kindle upon them, and burn, and none be quenched till Judgment be brought forth in victory, and Truth and Equity come to reign, and Righteousness run down our streets; for this is what the Lord requires of every man, To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with his God, and to love his Neighbour as himself, as the Scripture saith, and until then no blessing, but a curse is to be expected.

And though you in Authority, in whom the gift of God is not wholly slain, but some tenderness is left in you, & your Consciences are so far enlightened, that you cannot join in your harts with the unjust proceeding of others, take heed how

how your husbands hands do ake and wicked, neither be filent for fear of man: for the Judgement is given against you, for if you do, God will not hold you guiltless in this Judgement sitting upon you, for the fear of God, for that you have got into your hands by usury, and bribery, by which you have undone many a poor man, whereby Truth and good men are like to suffer; God will require it of your hands, and those which you have got from you, and ye behind your backs, and so cast into utter darkness as wicked Usurers, who have shut up the Kingdom of heaven against men, neither will you enter in your selves, nor suffer them that would enter in, but do keep them out: For know this, God did not set you in places of trust to seek your selves, but to act for him; and to be an encouragement to good men, and a terror to the wicked; and as you are faithful herein, you will come over all the foolish fear of man, as though they be higher in power than your selves; and so you will answer the end for which God hath set you; which is not to please men, but to do the will of God, which cannot be done by you, if you seek to save self, but God will deliver the oppressed by another hand, and ye shall be cast as dung upon the face of the Earth.

And what think you, ye Merchants of *Babylon*, who reign as Kings, and purchase day of the Lord afar off, and pass with your forms, and cry, *Tush, never observe the promise of his coming? doth not all things continue as they were since the Fathers fell asleep? and is not our Kingdom established upon the foundation of Monarchy as before? and are not the Towers of Babel Vertues, and the whore our Mother sit as a Queen, with her Golden Cup in her hand, and have not made Lords and Princes that all both small and great, shall drink thereof, and how should she see sorrow, or we have cause to lament her downfall, why do you say so?*

Why hear this ye Merchants of *Babylon*, who are crept out of your holes and dens, and are spread like Locusts upon the face of the Earth, and at your return is the Dragons Chain loosened, and the smoak of the Bottomless pit ariseth, whereby the air is darkned, and what are you seeking long life here in thick darkness, even as in *Egypts* Land, which may be felt, and are not your spirits as black as Hell, and as bloody as your Scarlet Robes? And do they not thirst after the blood of the Saints, to drink thereof, who cannot drink the Cup of your Fornica-

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from? Nay, your day which is in darkness, is short, & the time is at hand wherein you shall be taken with the Beast and the Dragon, and cast alive into the lake which burns with fire and brimstone for ever, for by your Sorceries is the Earth corrupted. And shall not a devouring fire cleanse and purifie it against you, the smoak of your burning shall ascend up for ever, and for evermore; yea, dry trees twice dead, and plucked up by the roots, yea, bundles, bundles for the fire are ye prepared both high and low, noble and ignoble, great and small, even as you would have devoured, so shall you be overcome, for the Almighty in whose hand ye are, will plead with you, who are posting on greedily after your prey, but a hook shall you have in your nostrils, and the prey taken from between your teeth, and ye bound in chains, and cast into utter darkness, where shall be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth for ever and for evermore, except ye repent; but if the Lord open the eyes of any of you, so that you come to see where you are, and be as fire-brands pluckt out of the burning, should we not rejoice, yea and sing for joy together to the Lord God & the Lamb for ever, who hath redeemed us out of Kindreds, Tongues and Nations, and put a new song into our mouths, and how can we but praise and magnifie his Name over all for ever, who hath done great things for his people, whose Name is worthy to be blessed, exalted and magnified over all for ever.

So let not the Merchants of *Babylon* think it a small thing for us to return back again from *New Jerusalem* the City of the great King, to their City *Babylon*, to sit under their Willows by the Rivers of *Babylon* for there we cannot sing an *Hebrew* song, but must feed of the broth of their abominable things, which our souls hate, and hath no pleasure therein, but as living witnesses bear our Testimony for the Lord our God against their abominations as he calls us thereunto.

And so let none worship the Beast, nor bow to his image, for the everlasting Gospel is preached again, and the Angel doth flie through the midst of Heaven, and the cry is gone forth, *Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgement is come, & worship him that made Heaven & Earth, & the Sea and the fountains of living waters, for* Babylon *the great is come up in remembrance, and the judgment seat is set, & her plagues are begun, which shall never have*

and, [illegible] So he shall ye Nations
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tle Hills, for the Lord our God is risen in power and great glory, and is come to
reign, and the Nations are angry at his appearance, but his wrath and coming is
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vict them of all their ungodly deeds & hard speeches which ungodly sin-
ners have committed; yea, God and Magog are gathering together to the battle of the great
Day of God Almighty; yea, and he that rides on the white Horse is gone forth
conquering and to conquer; yea, and the slain of the Lord shall be many, and
the Fowls are gathering together to the Supper of the Lord God, that they may
eat the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of Captains, and the flesh of mighty men;
for they are not left [illegible] but are prepared, & are appearing and have drunk
blood, and do thirst after it, and they shall be filled; yea, as they have done, so
it shall be rewarded upon unto them; he shall pay a double unto her, double according
to her works; for the God of Israel, saith that thy servants the Prophets found
faith by proof [illegible] and the Word
of the Lord is gone forth from Jerusalem to the inhabitants of the Earth here the
sound thereof [illegible] is fallen, is fallen, and the smoak of her
torment is ascended up for ever and ever. Therefore rejoice ye holy Prophets, and
sing for joy ye Saints of the most High, for the Lord our God and the Lamb
reigneth in Mount Sion, and in Jerusalem before his Ancients gloriously; and
the redeemed of the Lord shall come with songs unto Sion in their hearts, and songs of
deliverance in their mouths, rejoice ye Babes, rejoice ye Lambs for your King
comes riding upon an Ass Colt, yea upon the Colt of an Ass, yea and his Lambs
he carries in his arms, and gently leads those that be with young. So praises,
praises, living praises be given to his holy Name, that dwelleth for ever, whose
Name is worthy to be praised, exalted and magnified now all generations, so praise
him O all ye Sons and Daughters, and sing aloud of his mighty acts; for the horse
and his rider he hath thrown into the Sea, and the Dragon and the Lamb lye down
together, and thou hast caused the root of Jesse to spring out of a dry ground,
yea, of a little one is there a thousand become. O Lord, who can but speak well
of thy Name; yea and tell of thy marvellous works; and speak of thy wonders
in days past, yea and how thy loving kindness extends reaches unto the Ends of the Earth
for when we were in our blood, and as dye passed us, thou hadst compassion on us,
and washed us and poured oyle into our wounds, and said unto us, Live; and
caused us to passe under the shadow of thy wing where we were distressed on ev-
ry side, yea when our Enemies were many, yea with the Floods overwhelmed
us, and our hope was almost gone, yea then did thy secret arm of power uphold
us, although we saw it not; yea then brakest in upon us with thy living pre-
sence, whereby we were refreshed, and our strength was renewed; and as we

THE END.

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